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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended January 16, 1909.

Sick inspected	4
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	105
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held	2
Premises inspected	9,728
Houses disinfected	11
Houses destroyed	6
Buildings condemned.....	7
Nuisances abated	694
Rats found dead	68
Rats trapped	2,095
Total rats taken	2,163
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1,428
Mus rattus.....	48
Mus musculus.....	644
Total	2,120
Rats identified as to sex.....	1,423
Male	632
Female	791
Rats examined bacteriologically	1,372
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed	68,104

OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

Week ended January 9, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	42
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	3
Premises inspected.....	922
Nuisances abated.....	295
Premises cleaned.....	270
Garbage cans installed.....	240
Places made rat-proof.....	7
Rats trapped.....	583
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	556
Plague rats.....	0
Mice trapped.....	59
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	59
Plague mice.....	0
Gophers trapped.....	1
Gophers examined bacteriologically.....	1
Plague gophers.....	0

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended January 9.

Sick inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	490
Nuisances abated.....	27
Rats found dead.....	21
Rats trapped.....	45
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	45
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	14, 000

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended January 9.

Sick inspected.....	15
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	84
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	5

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended January 9.

Dead inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0

Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of animals for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson, plague laboratory, reports, January 14:

Animals examined in the laboratory at Los Angeles, Cal., from January 4 to 10, inclusive:

Ground squirrels.....	154
Gray rats.....	263
Black rats.....	16
White rats.....	2
Gambel pocket mouse.....	6
Rabbits.....	1

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.